

Region 4 RAC Meeting 11 10 09 – Ada County Sheriffs Office building, Boise

Michelle Belville, Krissy Blandford, Sharon Burke, Jaimie Cain, Michael Dickson, Jane Duke, Elisha Figuora, LaDessa Foster, Vern Garrett, Marianne King, Darren Richman, Sandy Jones, Ross Mason, Doug Miller, Jeff Morrell, Greg Munson, Dan Sigler, John Sweeting, Laura Thomas, Linda Zimmer

Providers Subcommittee started at 9:00 a.m. The agenda item was to discuss changes to the draft IDAPA rules and the upcoming H&W board meeting. Discuss centered on confusion regarding what version of the draft rules would be presented to the board. Concerns were raised that it is difficult to write a letter of support when the full proposed rules are not in a single document. The committee consensus was they wanted to make sure their comments were made based on the most current version of the rules. Ross and Laura will try to get more information on if a full version of the draft rules will be available prior to the board meeting.

Jeff, LaDessa, Darren, Vern, and Michael volunteered to review any additional information available prior to the H&W meeting on the 19th and determine Region 4 RAC's input.

Several issues on the IDAPA rules were discussed at ICSA. ICSA voted to support the current draft rules with provisions that the unresolved provider concerns be addressed. The November 2009 Provider Update (located on the Region 4 Web page) includes a summary of the issues ICSA included (see attachments).

The most recent budget snapshot presented at ICSA in October was discussed. At the ICSA meeting, another document with monthly counts of various types of services indicated that assessments were the only item trending up. Providers were interested in more information about this trend. Some questioned the use of scare resources for performing assessments when it all likelihood the person will be placed on a waiting list. Assessments have a limited validity and it is very possible that assessments performed will be invalid by the time the person enters into treatment.

A new process for managing the wait list is being developed. Vern will forward a copy of the letter to Laura to include in the minutes (see attachments)

Full RAC Meeting

RAC Chair Darren Richman called the full RAC meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The minutes were approved as posted.

The agenda was approved.

Discussion of training needs included the need for more GAIN I training. Ethics training will be the focus of the pre-conference session for ICADD this year. Another topic of interest is ASAM training.

RAC Budget discussion was held. It was noted that there will be no scholarship funds for Prevention Conference or ICADD from H&W through Benchmark or for ICADD. Each regional

advisory committee is asked to provide 2 scholarships to each conference. Region 4 has provided additional scholarships to both conferences in the past. The following target amounts were agreed upon for the current fiscal year:

\$ 200 Legislative Event
\$ 50 Valley county Underage Drinking education training scholarships
\$ 1600 Prevention Scholarships at 2 per county in the region
\$ 1920 ICADD scholarships, 2 per county in the region
\$ 150 RAC Meeting refreshments

\$3920 Subtotal

Budget is \$5000; To date \$ 157.70 has been expended

$\$5000 - (157.70 + 3920) = \$ 922.30$ would remain for RAC projects or training needs.

Office of Drug Policy, Sharon Burke – Sharon reviewed the FY 2010 expenditures by population final report (see attachments). She clarified that the line item currently identified as ‘Other’ will be reviewed and further delineated. When data collection began it is possible the correct category did not exist in the report forms, for example Medicaid clients.

ODP is interested in having a state wide webinar in December (tentative date and time is December 8 at 2 pm, to be confirmed) for providers. General consensus at meeting was that Region 4 providers would participate if the opportunity exists.

The next ISCA meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2010 and may be an all day meeting. Sharon will let Laura know details so the RAC is informed.

Region 4 Projects Update – Laura reported that she presented an underage drinking town hall in Cascade on November 3. About 40 people attended, including about 20 teens.

In addition to the Prescription Take Back program in Meridian, Boise is expected to have a media conference on December 10 to announce similar a similar project in Boise. Laura will post information to the web page when available.

The 2010 Legislative Event will be Tuesday, February 16. The education displays will be in the Rotunda on the 4th Floor from 11 am to 3 pm. The theme will be the many slices of the substance abuse prevention and treatment pie. We have community partners that will help provide the pie refreshments. The Award Ceremony for the Patricia Kempthorne Award and Community Service Awards will be at 4 pm in the Auditorium in the West Wing Senate, Garden Level.

Suggestion was made to make sure IDOC was present at the education event. Darren will contact the RAC chairs to make this suggestion.

Valley County Diversion Program

Doug Miller reported on an outcome of the RAC Prevention Scholarship awarded to Valley County this past February. The scholarship provided the spark for moving forward with a mentoring program they had been working on developing for a couple years. Because of contacts made at the Prevention Conference, Valley County has been successful in applying for a Title V grant. They will be implementing a diversion program. They have been talking with the diversion program in Kuna, which has been operating for 9 years. They want to thank the RAC again for providing the scholarship funds. Anyone interested in the diversion program details should contact Laura for an electronic copy of the documents.

Provider Update

Dan Sigler, LMSW and program director for Eleos Recovery Support Services, provided an update on this newly approved RSS provider. The program is affiliated with All-American Publishing company, which specializes in sports poster nation-wide. Dan reported that a large percentage of their employees are involved in recovery. Providing support services in the work environment has proven to be a good fit for the company. More information is available at www.eleosboise.org or info@eleosboise.org

Networking Updates

Krissy Blandford from Center for Behavioral Health reported they continue have increased census and will be adding a staff position to the Boise office soon. She also is involved with Game Time International and Leadership First.

Greg Munson – Prevention Update – No changes since September meeting.

Michelle Belville - Easter Seals-Good Will received the 1.2 million dollar 3-year grant (SAMHSA funding) for a reentry center. Michelle introduced Jane Duke, ES-GW new clinical case manager.

Mike Dickson – Personal Development and Affinity. They are doing some remodeling. They have concerns regarding the wait list and business impact.

Elisha Figueroa – Meridian Mayor's Anti Drug Coalition (MADC). The MADC Rx drug take back program for residents of Meridian is popular. Logistics of the program are a little bumpy but smoothing out. The program is working through the options for transporting the drugs to the incinerator in Utah.

LaDessa Foster reported that WCA is back on the PWWC provider list as of September.

Vern Garrett reported that Ascent has added new services for adolescents, including cognitive self change and anger management. He noted adolescents who qualify for Medicaid do not experience a wait list.

Sandy Jones – Ada County Sheriff's Office. Sandy indicated that the wait list issues are felt at the local jail. The cost of incarceration is \$62.50 a day at the Ada County jail.

Marianne King – Drug-Free Idaho has received a Small Business Administration grant for workplace programs. They are working to get the word out throughout the state on this program that will be free of charge to employers because of the SBA funding.

Jeff Morrell – Redmont Health. Jeff reported that Redmont's treatment application is in process with CASAT. Their RSS application was submitted to H&W the end of August, but no information yet.

John Sweeting – Ten Mile Christian has resubmitted their policies and procedures and hopes to have approval soon. The process has been 2½ years.

Linda Zimmer – Boise County Commissioner. She expressed appreciation for the invitation to attend the meeting. She is also attending the Region 4 mental health board meeting so was glad to have the opportunity to attend both meetings on the same day.

Meeting schedule discussion - RAC meetings in 2010 will continue to be on the second Wednesday of every other month, January, March, May, July, September, and November. Providers will meet at 9 a.m. and full RAC at 10:00 a.m. is the current plan. Check the agenda and web site closer to the date. Ada County Sheriffs office offered their facility.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.